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Farms and Land in farms

In 2010, farms in Oregon were estimated at 38,800, an increase of 200 farms from 2009. A farm is "any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year". Land in farms stayed steady at 16.4 million acres. Land in farms consists of agricultural land used for crops, pasture, or grazing. Also included is woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator's total operation. Land in farms includes acres in the Conservation Reserve, Wetlands Reserve Programs, or other government programs.

The number of farms in the United States in 2010 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms, at 920.0 million acres, increased 100 thousand acres from 2009. The average farm size is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Number of farms and land in farms, Oregon and the United States, 1996-2010 ¹

Year	Oregon			United States		
	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size of farm	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size of farm
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1996	38.5	17,500	455	2,191	919,890	438
1997	39.0	17,500	449	2,191	956,010	436
1998	39.5	17,300	438	2,192	952,080	434
1999	40.0	17,300	433	2,187	948,460	434
2000	40.0	17,300	433	2,167	945,080	436
2001	40.0	17,200	430	2,149	942,070	438
2002	40.0	17,200	430	2,135	940,300	440
2003	40.0	17,100	430	2,127	936,750	441
2004	40.0	17,000	430	2,113	932,260	443
2005	40.0	16,700	428	2,099	927,940	445
2006	39.3	16,600	435	2,089	925,790	446
2007	38.6	16,400	425	2,205	921,460	418
2008	38.6	16,400	425	2,200	919,910	418
2009	38.6	16,400	425	2,200	919,890	418
2010	38.8	16,400	423	2,201	919,990	418

¹ A farm is defined as any place that sells or would normally sell \$1,000 worth of agricultural products or receives at least \$1,000 in farm program payments.

Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		Feb 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Feb 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Field crops							
Wheat, all	Bu	4.87	6.29	7.98	4.73	6.71	8.56
Wheat, winter	Bu	4.81	6.20	7.90	4.53	6.37	8.13
Wheat, spring	Bu	5.29	6.97	8.50	5.04	7.13	9.09
Barley	Bu	3.11	3.95	4.70	4.53	3.85	4.36
Oats	Bu	*	*	*	2.30	3.11	3.38
Hay, all (baled) ¹	Tons	138.00	148.00	160.00	104.00	112.00	116.00
Hay, alfalfa (baled) ¹	Tons	110.00	144.00	160.00	110.00	121.00	127.00
Hay, other (baled) ¹	Tons	176.00	160.00	160.00	93.00	95.30	93.90
Potatoes	Cwt	7.35	9.10	9.10	7.34	9.08	9.33
Vegetables and fruits ²							
Onions, fresh ³	Cwt	17.44	12.22	10.04	15.00	12.40	10.60
Sweet corn, fresh ³	Cwt	-	-	-	58.50	62.20	52.10
Pears, fresh	Tons	-	-	-	368.00	662.00	673.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.289	0.297	0.285
Strawberries, fresh	Cwt	-	-	-	179.00	224.00	145.00
Livestock and livestock products ⁸							
Cows ⁴	Cwt	52.00	-	-	51.70	65.00	71.20
Steers and heifers	Cwt	87.00	-	-	90.50	110.00	109.00
Beef cattle ⁵	Cwt	81.80	-	-	85.70	107.00	106.00
Calves	Cwt	111.00	-	-	113.00	136.00	136.00
Lambs ⁶	Cwt	98.00	-	-	106.00	149.00	-
Sheep ⁶	Cwt	61.00	-	-	54.80	81.90	-
Milk, all ⁷	Cwt	16.60	16.90	18.40	15.90	16.70	18.40
Fat test percent	Pct	3.71	3.90	3.83	3.73	3.83	3.79
Eggs, all ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.917	0.850	0.954
Eggs, market ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.775	0.660	0.776

* Data not published. ¹ Most recent price is a mid-month price. ² Oregon not published monthly. ³ F.O.B. shipping point. ⁴ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ⁵ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. ⁶ Entire month. ⁷ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. ⁸ State level price received estimates for cattle and sheep discontinued after December 2010.

Index summary table

Indexes/Ratios	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Feb 2010	Feb 2011	Feb 2010	Feb 2011	
	United States				
	Prices received	860	1,068	135	168
	Prices paid	2,397	2,618	180	197
Ratio ¹	-	-	75	85	
Parity Ratio ²	36	41	-	-	
Oregon					
Commodity group					
All farm products	843	977	141	163	
All crops	826	947	147	168	
Livestock ³	901	1,068	123	146	

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

² Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100)

³ Includes livestock and livestock products.

Feed price ratios: United States, February 2011

Feed price ratio ^{1 2}	2010	2011	
	Feb	Jan *	Feb
Broiler Feed	4.6	3.4	3.1
Market egg feed	8.9	5.8	6.1
Hog-corn	13.8	11.3	10.9
Milk-feed	2.36	1.96	1.96
Steer and heifer-corn	25.5	22.3	19.3
Turkey-feed	5.3	4.6	4.1

¹ Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current US prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

² Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.

* Revised.

NASS is considering discontinuing the Oregon Price Index in May 2011.

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Farm Labor

There were 807,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 9-15, 2011, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 602,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 205,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.29 per hour during the January 2011 reference week, up 21 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.23 per hour, up 13 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.52 per hour compared with \$10.31 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.35 per hour, was up 17 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.9 for hired workers during the survey week, up 5 percent from a year ago.

The Pacific Region (Oregon and Washington) accounts for close to 9 percent of workers hired directly by farm operators. Farm operators within the region paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.80 per hour, up 75 cents from last year and 51 cents higher than the U.S. average. Pacific region field workers received an average of \$10.72 per hour, up 95 cents from last January. Livestock workers average wage of \$11.53 per hour is up 98 cents from last year. The number of hours worked per week by Pacific region hired workers was 36, down an hour from a year ago, and 2.9 hours shorter than the U.S. average.

Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States
Weeks of January 10-16, 2010 and January 9-15, 2011 ¹

United States and region	Hired workers				Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers	
	Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock		
		150 days or more	149 days or less						
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per week</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	
Pacific ²	2010	52	43	9	37.0	9.77	10.55	9.95	11.05
	2011	52	43	9	36.0	10.72	11.53	10.90	11.80
Mountain I ³	2010	16	14	2	40.0	11.53	10.55	10.82	11.24
	2011	20	17	3	41.0	10.79	10.81	10.80	11.45
California	2010	139	121	18	40.9	10.32	11.24	10.56	11.68
	2011	132	111	21	42.4	9.87	10.75	10.05	11.05
United States ⁴	2010	612	524	88	37.2	10.10	10.31	10.18	11.08
	2011	602	505	97	38.9	10.23	10.52	10.35	11.29

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² Includes Oregon and Washington.

³ Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

⁴ Excludes Alaska.

Chickens and eggs: Inventory, value and production, Oregon and United States, 2009-2010 ¹

Year	December 1 ²			Dec. 1, previous year through Nov 30		
	Number	Value per head	Total value	Avg. number of layers	Eggs per layer ³	Total egg production
	Oregon					
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>
2009	2,969	2.80	8,313	2,439	304	740
2010	3,000	3.40	10,200	2,458	291	715
	United States					
2009	451,793	3.34	1,507,533	337,848	268	90,484
2010	454,506	3.52	1,599,726	339,961	269	91,398

¹ Total may not add due to rounding.

² Excludes commercial broilers.

³ Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

Oregon Honey Production

Oregon honey production from producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.3 million pounds in 2010, up 23 percent from the previous year. Yields were higher, as well as the total number of colonies producing honey. The average yield was 39 pounds per hive compared to 34 pounds in 2009. In 2010 Oregon had 59,000 hives producing honey, an increase of 4,000 hives from the previous year. The average price received per pound was up 8 cents to \$1.62 a pound.

United States honey production totaled 176 million pounds in 2010, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up 7 percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey: Number of colonies, production and value, selected states, 2009-2010 ¹

State	Honey producing colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Average price per pound ²	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Oregon	55	59	34	39	1,870	2,301	154	162
California	355	410	33	67	11,715	27,470	139	156
Idaho	103	98	46	27	4,738	2,646	152	150
Washington	62	71	44	37	2,728	2,627	158	152
United States	2,498	2,684	58.6	65.5	146,416	175,904	147.3	160.3

¹ For producers with five or more colonies.

² Prices weighted by sales.

Complete report available at www.nass.usda.gov. Released February 25, 2011.

Trout: Value of fish, selected states, and United States 2009-2010

State	Value of sales and distribution			
	Total fish sales		Value of distributed fish	
	2009 ²	2010	2009 ²	2010
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
OR	829	1,060	3,471	3,815
CA	5,270	5,124	12,046	11,360
ID	36,313	34,895	5,582	5,595
WA	2,537	2,696	10,053	9,649
US ²	75,413	71,322	100,500	104,243
US ³	82,864	78,409	*	*

¹ Revised. ² Excludes the value of eggs. ³ Includes the value of eggs. * Not published.

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